GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4532
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BPL CENSUS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present norms to identify the Below Poverty Line persons are different from the norms of 1997 and 1992;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the States and UTs that have completed and approved the BPL list of 2002 along with results thereof;

(d) the average percentage of persons Below Poverty Lines and highest and lowest concentration of BPL districts as per 1992 and 1997 survey, State-wise;

(e) the monthly income of the people living Below Poverty Line in each State in the year 1997; and

(f) the criteria fixed for monthly income of such people in the present census?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thirteen scorable socio-economic indicators namely, Size of operational holding of land, Type of house, Average availability of normal wear clothing, Food security, Sanitation facilities, Ownership of consumer durables, Literacy status, Status of the household labour force, Means of Livelihood, Status of children, Type of indebtedness, Reasons for migration from household and Preference of assistance, each having scores 0,1,2,3,4 depending on the status of the household, are to be used for working out a composite score for each rural household and the households with lower scores are to be identified as living below poverty line.

(c) The BPL Census, 2002 has not yet been completed in any State/UT.

(d) The percentage of BPL persons identified through the BPL Census conducted in 1992 and 1997, State-wise and the districts with highest and lowest concentration of BPL persons in 1997 are given in the Statement at Annexure. District-wise information on the 1992 Census is not available.

(e) The Ministry of Rural Development has not estimated the monthly income of the people living Below Poverty Line in 1997 Census.

(f) The methodology for conducting the BPL Census, 2002 is not based on monthly income criteria.

Annexure

Statement referred in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4532 due for answer on 22.4.2003

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Percentage of BPL pers		District with BPL concentration##	
		1992	1997	Highest	Lowest
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	43.47	39.91	Adilabad (44.00%)	Mehboobnagar (15.00%)
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	79.63	78.39	N.A.	N.A.
3	ASSAM	62.01	60.00	Goalpara(75.25)	Dibrugarh(40.34%)
4	BIHAR	54.42	49.64	Araria (80.26%)	Dhanbad(8.35%)
5	CHHATTISGARH	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6	GOA	45.65	17.00	North Goa(19.23%)	South Goa (13.32%)
7	GUJARAT	54.51	35.45	Dangs (80.27%)	Mehsana(16.58%)
8	HARYANA	36.77	24.25	Kaithal(32.78%)	Soniput (14.94%)
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	28.62	27.59	Chamba(61.72%)	Una(19.06%)

10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	61.97	57.92	N.A.	N.A.
11	JHARKHAND	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
12	KARNATAKA	56.56	34.00	Chamarajanagar(72%)	Bangalore Urban (15%)
13	KERALA	32.01	36.56	Alapuzha(52.50%)	Idukki(16.07%)
14	MADHYA PRADESH	64.48	43.87	Balghat (63.82%)	Datia (17.02%)
15	MAHARASHTRA	77.82	35.07	N.A.	N.A.
16	MANIPUR	67.37	67.54	Chandel(79%)	Tamenglong(49.97%)
17	MEGHALAYA	60.1	55.48	S. Garo Hills (72.52	Ribhoi (41.81%)
18	MIZORAM	58.51	67.07	Lunglei (81%)	Aizawl(61.87%)
19	NAGALAND$$	44.27	60.39	Wokha (72.33%)	Phek(43.96%)
20	ORISSA#$$	78.7	65.50	Koraput (84.60%)	Jharsuguda (44.30%)
21	PUNJAB	39.98	27.90	N.A.	N.A.
22	RAJASTHAN	31.09	30.99	Banswara(72.98%)	JhunJhunu(10.57%)
23	SIKKIM	80.82	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
24	TAMIL NADU	37.89	29.16	N.A.	N.A.
25	TRIPURA	73.58	66.81	N.A.	N.A.
26	UTTAR PRADESH	N.A.	36.91	UttarKashi (68.51%)	Bagpat (6.33%)
27	UTTARANCHAL	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
28	WEST BENGAL	46.04	44.40	D. Dinajpur (56.30%)	Silguri MP (28.38%)
29	A & N ISLAND	43.89	21.25	Andmans(14.5%)	
30	D & N HAVELI	66.12	65.67	D&N Haveli (65.67%)	
31	DAMEN & DIU	51.29	3.68	N.A.	N.A.
32	LAKSHDWEEP	47.12	10.26	Lakshadweep (10.26%)	
33	PONDICHERRY	46.65	47.36	N.A.	N.A.

TOTAL	52.49	41.05

: Provisional
$$: Rural Household
N.A. : Not Available
: Percentage of BPL persons identified is given in bracket